

WEEKEND WEATHER
OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



Cloudy
High: 39°
Low: 21°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 48°
Low: 32°

MONDAY



Mostly Cloudy
High: 49°
Low: 29°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Important financial aid deadline is April 1

Penn State students should file their 2002-2003 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 1, 2002. This is especially important for Pennsylvania residents who qualify for the PHEAA State Grant. Please remember to update your Title IV code on your FAFSA to 003329. This code is now being used for all Penn State locations.

The 2002-2003 Behrend Scholarship Application is available at <http://www.pserie.psu.edu/admission/200203ScholApps.htm>. This application is also due April 1. Please review the additional applications that give priority to students who work or whose parents work at various companies. Separate applications must be filed for these scholarship opportunities.

If you are interested in summer financial aid opportunities, including work-study, please visit <http://www.psu.edu/studentaid/html/summer.html>.

Contact the Behrend Financial Aid Office at (814) 898-6162 or behrfindaid@psu.edu with any questions

SGA seeks new treasurer, elects new senator

SGA is hiring a new treasurer for the 2002-2003 academic year. Applicants can submit resume and class and work schedule to the RUB Desk by Mar. 27 at 5 p.m.

Rob Carver has been elected by the SGA to fill an empty Senate seat. He takes over for Jill Seaholm, who stepped down from her position in February. Carver currently works on the academic / advising committee.

To find out more about what is happening in the SGA, go to the next meeting in the Smith Chapel at 5:20 p.m. on Mar. 20.

Study shows state taxes change banking risk

Results from a recent study co-authored by a Penn State Smeal College of Business Administration accounting expert have potential implications for the competitiveness of banks located in different states. The study examined the effects of differential state taxation of U.S. government obligations on how banks structure their investment and financing portfolios, the riskiness of banks' assets, and how implicit tax effects are impounded in investment returns.

In the study in the Journal of the American Tax Association, the authors note that 27 states tax U.S. Government obligations (USOs), and 23 states and the District of Columbia do not. They also found that banks in states that do not tax USOs hold significantly greater amounts of these assets, consistent with the greater after-tax return, and hold a less risky mix of assets, consistent with USOs being among the least risky assets banks hold. They also investigated how USO investment varies among banks in taxing states.

Dispatch from Manchester: the party's over

Recent alumni of Penn State's program in Manchester, England, might be interested to know: You can't while away your midnights at the Hacienda anymore. It was knocked down to make way for luxury flats. Instead, we students of today have to wait until next month to see what all the fuss was about, when a new film about the place, enticingly titled "24 Hour Party People," hits British cinemas.

What's gone from the Manchester cityscape is the legendary nightclub. What isn't gone is the kind of dynamism that helped to make it a mecca for British clubbers from the late '70s to early '90s, as "Madchester" (after the jovial madness of it all) set trends in dance and house music. The Hacienda's no more, but other buildings and attractions have taken up where it left off.

Diversity issues the topic of upcoming conference

Diversity in the workplace will be one of the many issues discussed at the third annual S.T.A.R.T. Conference to be held at Penn State. Undergraduates in Penn State's Smeal College of Business run the Striving Towards Awareness and Respect for Tomorrow Conference, planned for Saturday, March 23. The theme for this year's conference is "One Puzzle, Many Pieces."

The conference includes several workshops and information sessions, as well as a keynote address. In addition to providing students with the foundation to gain insights into the corporate world, the organizers hope the event will introduce attendees to issues regarding diversity in the workplace.

"This conference will give students the opportunity to learn more about the type of issues they will find in the real world when working with different culture backgrounds, races, and ideas and how to work as a team to accomplish one common goal," explains Elizabeth Medina, chair of S.T.A.R.T.'s marketing committee and a sophomore majoring in marketing and international business in Smeal College.

New book explores women's words for peace

Research by four members of the speech communication faculty at Penn State Erie is unveiled in "Women Who Speak for Peace," a newly published book that documents the public discourse of 10 women peace activists. The book grew out of a panel presentation by the Peace and Conflict Communication Commission of the National Communication Association at a meeting in 1997.

"As scholars we were unified by the idea that peace is something you do," said Colleen E. Kelley, assistant professor of speech communication at Penn State Behrend, who co-edited the book. "So often the word peace is defined as silence or stillness, when in truth, peace requires action."

POLICE AND SAFETY
REPORT

3/1/02 03:13 A vehicle was discovered displaying what was believed to be a stolen commuter permit.

3/13/02 00:30 While en route to the Logan house, an officer saw a truck drive over the lawn near the Herrman barn. The driver was issued a citation for careless driving.

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FOCAL POINT

SHADOWDANCERS



Looks like there was more than modeling going on at the fashion show Thursday night. There were numerous performances, including some break-dancing, and a little bit of "bucket-drumming." Who says the "behind the scenes" participants are never recognized?

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Colleagues commemorate Kiyoe Mizusawa

by Erin McCarty
news editor

On Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., Interim Provost and Dean Dr. Jack Burke officiated at a service of remembrance for former Behrend psychology professor Kiyoe Mizusawa in the Larry and Kathryn Smith Chapel. Mizusawa, who was born in Satimaken, Japan, died on Feb. 25 at the age of 82.

"She was a very good colleague," said Dr. Zachary Irwin, who coordinated the service in her honor. "We wanted to commemorate her. When a colleague passes from our midst, it isn't a thing that just happens and is forgotten."

Although Mizusawa retired in 1990, Irwin always made an effort to maintain contact with her, which was not always easy because she had no family nearby.

"She was a very private person," Irwin said. At the same time, he recalled that when he first joined Behrend's faculty in

1976, she was very welcoming. It was because of her that Irwin spent time in 1989 lecturing in Japan.

"She was hired by Irv Kochel," said Irwin, "and he said that in all the years he worked with her he never had a complaint about her." Prior to joining Behrend's faculty in 1969, she worked for NASA, where her contributions included the design of optics on the shuttle during Neil Armstrong's flight to the moon. She graduated from Tokyo University of Education in 1949 and earned her master's degree from Ohio State University in 1955.

"The longer time a person has spent in an institution, the more they want their time there to be remembered as significant," said Irwin. He was pleased with the turnout of about 30 people to the memorial service. He was particularly happy to see Mizusawa's nephew and brother-in-law, who live in Japan.

"She didn't have a religious tradition here, so it seemed appropriate to have a memorial service in the Behrend chapel," said Irwin. The service, which recalled her Buddhist

beliefs, was a time for personal recollections and was enhanced by keyboard music.

"The human experience is an interfaith experience," said Irwin. "One particular approach may not be the only approach." With this in mind, he read memorial passages from both the Christian and Buddhist traditions.

From St. Paul, he read I Corinthians, Chapter 13, and he was particularly pleased to present a poem that is frequently read at Buddhist memorials. Written by Thich Nhat Hanh and included in the book "Plum Village Chanting and Meditation Book," the poem is entitled "Contemplation on No-Coming, No-Going" and concludes with these words:

"...Laugh with me, hold my hand, let us say good-bye, say good-bye, to meet again soon. We meet today. We will meet again tomorrow. We will meet at the source of every moment. We meet each other in all forms of life."

'SpongeBob SquarePants' soaks up attention
at semester's final Pizza with the Provost

by Heather Fleming
staff writer

Dr. Jack Burke, Provost and Dean opened the last Pizza with the Provost of the semester on Wednesday with the question, "What is your favorite TV show?" About 30 people were present and answers ranged from "Friends" to "SpongeBob SquarePants." This drew some laughs from the crowd as Dr. Burke asked about this "SpongeBob SquarePants" character.

This set the relaxed mood for the event as students freely asked questions that they had about the Behrend Campus or anything in general.

"We are here to hear what is on your mind," Dr. Burke told students. One student asked him why he was leaving the position as provost.

"It is really just a matter of preference," Dr. Burke told the students as he discussed how he works day in and day out doing things such as fund-raising for the campus.

Other topics that were discussed were the supposed Perry Hall addition. Dr. Burke cleared this matter up by stating that it is now going to be a separate building with additional renovations to Perry Hall.

Students also wondered what the name of the new building will be, Burke mentioned "Misery Bay," comically in keeping with the buildings being named after ships and generals from the War of 1812 naval battle on Lake Erie. But all agreed that telling your friends that you live in "Misery" might not be such a great idea.

He also said the construction will

begin on the section of the new highway across the Behrend fields. Construction crews may be seen as early as next week. The main front entrance to the campus will be worked on when students leave for the summer.

Also the plans for the new 150,000 square foot REDC building that is to be located above the Chapel near the Junker Center are still being discussed. This new building will have approximately 15,000 square feet of classroom space and will be in the shape of a Y.

The ideas for the new Penn State calendar worried some students and excited others. The new calendar will eliminate fall break but also provide a full week during Thanksgiving break.

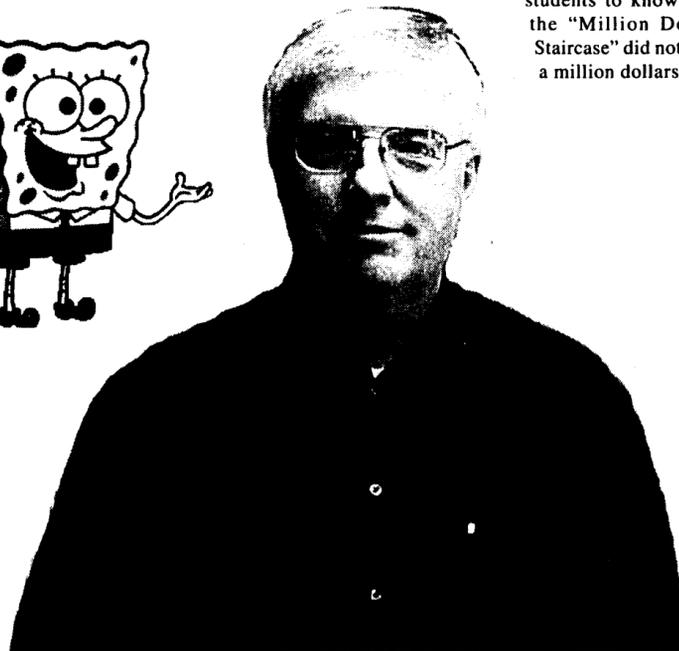
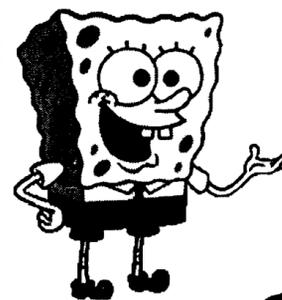
The start of the fall semester will be closer to Labor Day, and fall graduation will be closer to Christmas than it was in the past.

Ideas are also being thrown around for a new psychology building to replace the Lab in Lawrence Hall. It is estimated to be a \$4 million project that could become an addition to the academic building.

A few other topics included pot holes in the parking lots, new signs for the handicapped parking spots to replace the ones that were knocked down, and the Junker Center Crossing and how it has become dangerous because of traffic.

A final note, Dr. Burke would like all students to know that the "Million Dollar Staircase" did not cost a million dollars.

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During Wednesday's Pizza with the Provost, Dr. Burke was introduced to the "yellow, absorbent, and porous" cartoon character who "lives in a pineapple under the sea." Burke also addressed a number of student concerns - among the topics of discussion were the Perry Hall addition, the REDC building, and the revised academic calendar.